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TITLE: Fixing and Release Systems

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 10, 2002. Although the Office Action indicates that the shortened statutory period for response expires on September 10, 2002, Applicant submits this response within one month of the mailing date of the office action. As such, Applicant submits that no fee is due with the filing of this response.

The Office Action indicates that there are six patentably distinct species depicted in the figures and that no claim appears to be generic. A summary of the species follows:

1. Figures 1-9, 12-18, 25-44, 46-49, and 52;
2. Figures 10-11;
3. Figures 10-24;
4. Figure 45;
5. Figures 50-51; and
6. Figures 53-64.

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Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, species 1, as represented by Figures 1-9, 12-18, 25-44, 46-49, and 53. As such, the office action states that claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-21, 23-26, and 40 correspond to the above-referenced Figures.

CONCLUSION

Applicant requests entry of this response and allowance of claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-21, 23-26, and 40 in due course. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

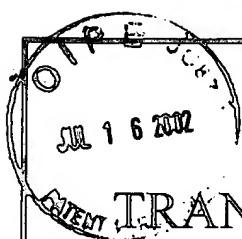


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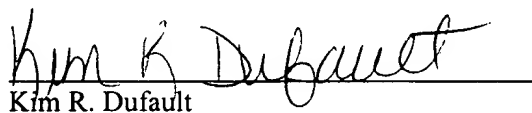
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